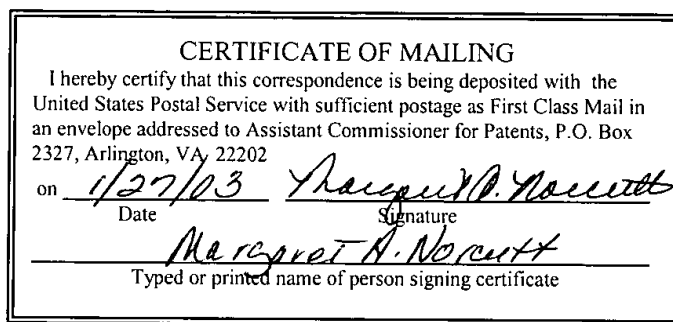


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Sir:

The following is being submitted in response to the Notice to Comply dated January 16, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. Co-filed with this Reply is a Transmittal of Proposed Drawing Correction and Substitute Drawing. The drawing correction deletes a character string labeled as a "protein sequence 11" in Fig. 3. With this deletion no biological sequence appears in the Specification, figures or claims. Thus the present application contains no disclosure of nucleotide or amino acid sequences.

Accordingly, the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 through 1.825 do not apply. As such, a computer readable format and a paper listing of the sequence list are not required.

For the foregoing reasons and with the attached transmittal of corrected drawing of Fig. 3, Applicants believe that they have placed the application in compliance with the sequence rules.


Acceptance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in compliance and furthermore that all claims are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

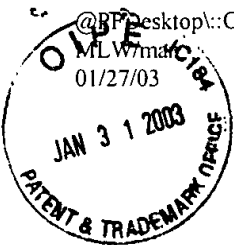
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TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTION
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Sir:

It is requested that the character string "SVYDAAAQLTADVKKDLRDSWGVAL" in Fig. 3 be deleted as shown in red on the attached drawing.

A substitute formal drawing for the captioned application with Fig. 3 modified is also attached. The character string in Fig. 3 has been deleted for clarification of the reference to a hypothetical protein sequence on Specification page 9, lines 10-17.

With this deletion no sequence (hypothetical or otherwise) appears in the Specification, figures or claims.

No new matter has been introduced. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

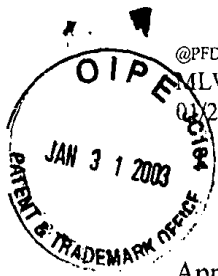
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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